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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, SA, MU

SUBJECT: SAUDI-OMANI BORDER SETTLEMENT: SAUDI INTEREST IN  
CORRIDOR BETWEEN DHOFAR AND HADRAMOUT

1. IN A JUNE 14 MEETING WITH THE AMBASSADOR, SAUDI  
MINSTATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS SAUD AL-FAISAL SAID THAT  
THE SAG WAS GIVING SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO REQUESTING  
FROM OMAN IN A FINAL SETTLEMENT OF THEIR BORDER DISA-  
GREEMENT A 60 KILOMETERS WIDE CORRIDOR TO THE ARABIAN  
SEA ALONG THE PRESENT DHOFAR-HADRAMOUT BORDER. THE  
SAG WOULD USE THE CORRIDOR FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A PIPE  
LINE TO CARRY PETROLEUM FROM THE OIL FIELDS OF THE  
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EMPTY QUARTER AND WOULD BUILD A PORT ON THE ARABIAN

SEA. HE ASKED THAT HE BE GIVEN AN OFFICIAL USG VIEW  
OF A SOLUTION INCLUDING SUCH A PROVISION.

2. THE AMBASSADOR TOLD SAUD THAT HE DID NOT KNOW WHAT  
OFFICIAL POSITION, IF ANY, THE USG WOULD TAKE ON THE  
PROPOSAL, BUT HE WOULD ASK. HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT  
SUCH A CORRIDOR WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE NECESSARY FOR OIL  
EXPORTATION. THE AMBASSADOR SAID THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED  
THIS GENERAL QUESTION WITH ARAMCO BOARD CHAIRMAN JUNGERS  
AND JUNGERS HAD INDICATED THAT A FEASIBLE WAY TO  
EXPORT THE OIL OF THE NORTHERN EMPTY QUARTER AT ZARARA  
WAS TO BUILD A PIPELINE TO THE PRESENTLY UNDERUTILIZED  
OMANI PIPELINE AND PUMP SAUDI OIL THROUGH IT TO THE  
GULF OF OMAN. SAUD THOUGHT IT WOULD BE BEST TO HAVE  
AN ALL-SAUDI LINE REGARDLESS OF THE COST.

COMMENT: THIS NEW SAUDI IDEA HAS NOT YET BEEN BROUGHT  
TO ARAMCO'S ATTENTION. THEY WILL NOT LIKE IT. THE LINE  
STRAIGHT SOUTH THROUGH THE EMPTY QUARTER WOULD BE ENORMOUSLY  
EXPENSIVE IF INDEED IT IS FEASIBLE AT ANY PRICE. WE THINK  
IT IS ONE OF THE WILDEST IDEAS EVER BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION  
BY THE SAUDIS, UNLESS OF COURSE THIS IS PART OF A WIDER SAUDI  
ARABIAN IMPERIAL DESIGN ON THE HADRAMOUT AND DHOFAR TOGETHER.  
ACTION REQUESTED: THAT THE DEPARTMENT INFORM US OF ANY U.S.  
VIEWS ON THIS SUBJECT WHICH WE MAY RELAY TO PRINCE SAUD.  
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